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Soviet Action

THE promised "dramatic" announcement by Russia on disarmament has materialised. It amounts to a reduction in the Soviet armed forces of 1,200,000 between now and next May, the putting into mothballs of 375 warships and the scrapping of several air force squadrons.

The announcement, if not deserving the description of "dramatic" is not unimpressive, and its timing possesses some significance. Manifestly it is intended to have its effect on the French Premier and his Foreign Minister on the eve of their visit to Moscow, more especially as it set out to support the recently expressed French view that world disarmament measures need not of necessity be wholly dependent on a settlement of the German problem.

This in the wedge the Russian leaders undoubtedly hope to drive between the thinking of France and her Western allies on subjects such as disarmament and German unification. They are not likely to succeed, but the proposed reduction in Soviet armed forces provides the Kremlin leaders with a good basis for arguing that they are indulging in deeds, and not merely words.

TAKEN at face value, Russia proposes to effect quite substantial cuts in her military manpower—to the latest reduction of 1,200,000 must be added the 650,000 which she announced some months ago. Nevertheless the figures must be evaluated to post-war disarmament and rearmament as a whole, if they are to be held in correct perspective.

At the end of World War II, the Western powers immediately began disarming, in the expectation that Russia would do likewise. On the contrary Russia embarked on a programme of building up armed forces far beyond peace-time requirements. Simultaneously she set out to build a huge war fleet and to create an offensive air force.

In so doing she forced her former Western allies to call a halt to their own domestic disarmament programmes, to create for themselves a defensive alliance, and to build up military strength sufficient to deter Russian aggression in the West.

It is against this background, and the still numerically inferior standing armies and operational air forces of the Western powers that the present disarming action of the Soviets must be viewed and appreciated. It can be welcomed, but it does not mean that Russia will seriously weaken her military strength because of it.

THIS may be a genuine Soviet endeavour to encourage a world disarmament agreement, but the proposed new cuts in her military manpower may also have been partially dictated by internal economic circumstances. The cost of maintaining standing armies, navies and air forces of the Russian proportions is a severe strain on the nation's resources. Moreover the manpower so employed is unproductive.

It is noticeable that the Russian announcement allied the disarming action with the "grandiose plan" of Socialist development of our country and the raising of the Soviet people's standard of living. The suggestion is that the Soviet leaders now realise that Russia's internal economy needs strengthening, particularly in the output of primary products. To achieve this, and to increase production of other types of consumer goods, very much more manpower is needed on the land and in the factories.

But whatever the motivating factor, the Russian action will help still further to lessen international tension, and as such it merits acknowledgement.

★ 1,200,000 Men To Get Demob

★ 375 Ships Go To Reserve

RUSSIA'S BIG ARMS CUT

MOSCOW PLEA TO WEST TO FOLLOW OUR EXAMPLE' FURTHER REDUCTION POSSIBLE

Moscow, May 14. Russia announced today it would cut its armed forces by 1,200,000 before May 1, next year.

What The West Thinks

About It All

LONDON

British sources said last night the proposed reduction reflected Soviet belief that conventional arms and armaments were becoming obsolete in modern warfare.

They said another reason was to challenge the Western powers into making corresponding cuts in the levels of their armed forces.

BUDGET CUT TOO

The announcement, disclosed at a press conference in the Soviet Foreign Ministry, said 375 ships of the Soviet Navy would be put into reserve. There would be a proportionate reduction in Soviet budget expenditure for military needs and in arms reductions.

MOSCOW

The wording of the announcement led foreign observers to believe that the reduction was dictated as much by the strain on the Soviet economy as by considerations of Soviet foreign policy.

WASHINGTON

Officials searched cautiously for loopholes in the Moscow announcement.

It was pointed out that the true significance of this cut in terms of global disarmament could not be properly assessed until the Soviet Union responded to the United States' suggestion that it disclose the existing total of its armed services manpower.

America has already made public the total number of men of its armed forces—2,800,000.

The timing of the announcement on the eve of the opening of Soviet-French talks in Moscow is regarded as another reason for treating it primarily as a propaganda gesture.

HK Prison Official's Evidence At Inquiry

Kampala, May 14. Gilbert Roy Pickett, Assistant Commissioner of Prisons in Hong Kong, testified today in the investigation of the Uganda Central Prison, of which he was formerly Superintendent.

He told the investigating committee there was "continual friction at the top of the Prison Department." He said that the Assistant Commissioner, John Redman, who visited the prison weekly, never went near the Superintendent's office.

"Sometimes I never knew he was in the prison," he said.

Mr. Pickett denied that he had known that alcohol, cigarettes and food were brought into the prison illegally or that prisoners went outside for trials with African women.

He admitted that one prisoner, Robert McCorrow, who worked in the office, "might have been in a position to allocate the wardens' duties and housing."

Mr. Pickett came to Uganda by plane for the hearing.

—United Press.

FOR PEACE'

The statement added "at the same time, this further reduction of military expenditure in the USSR state budget will make it possible to direct the resources so released towards peaceful construction."

"In order to carry out still more successfully the grandiose plan of Socialist development of our country and the raising of the Soviet people's standard of living," the suggestion is that the Soviet leaders now realise that Russia's internal economy needs strengthening, particularly in the output of primary products.

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H-Explosion Tomorrow?

Eniwetok, May 14. Improving conditions forecast by weather observers today raised hope that the Bikini H-bomb may be dropped on Wednesday. —United Press.

This Is Baby Roy



This picture just received from London shows Baby Roy and his mother, Mrs. Rennele Davenport. Before Roy was born in March doctors estimated that unless they could drain him completely of his blood and pump new blood into him he would die within an hour.

For they found in his mother's blood a rare factor called "Little E", which they knew would kill the baby unless removed and replaced with a rare blood group. The transfusion succeeded. And today Baby Roy is a normal, healthy fellow—as the picture shows.

Britain May Send More Samples To China

London, May 14. Britain is to make more use of the "exemption procedure" to send certain "classified" goods to Communist China, the Minister of State at the Foreign Office, Mr. Anthony Nutting said today.

At the same time Britain was pressing America to permit a general revision of the China embargo to bring it into line, with the less stringent embargo applied to Soviet Russia and its satellites.

A spokesman of the Board of Trade said that the exemption procedure referred to by Mr. Nutting consists of notifying "Chincom" (the China Committee of Cocom or the Nato Consultative Group of Paris) by member governments that they intend to authorise the export of certain banned goods to China as samples, while awaiting an international decision on whether the particular item can be completely removed from the list.

Such an exemption was recently made when Britain allowed the export of about 60 tractors to China as "samples." The Chinese authorities have made it known that they are prepared to buy from Britain 1,400,000 tractors. —France-Press.

New Colonial Office Chief

London, May 14. Sir John Macpherson, former Governor General of Nigeria, has been appointed Permanent Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies in succession to Sir Thomas Lloyd, who is retiring in August. It was announced tonight. —United Press.

DOG SHOOTS MAN

Cape Town, May 14. Barry Lamprecht of Tondeville, was making satisfactory progress in hospital today after being shot by his dog.

The dog trotted on the trigger as Barry picked up a loaded shotgun.

The gun went off and the pellets hit him in the side. —China Mail Special.

MISSING FROGMAN DEBATE: EDEN IN ANGRY SCENE

London, May 14. The Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden, refused tonight to disclose "one word more" about the case of the British frogman, missing and "presumed" to have died on a mysterious mission under the hull of a visiting Russian warship.

Socialist cries of "shame" and "resign" greeted his remarks.

Then Sir Anthony added angrily: "I deplore this debate and will say no more," and sat down.

The Labour Party promptly forced a vote on its censure motion, but the House rejected it by 310 votes to 229.

The leader of the Opposition, Mr. Hugh Gaitskell, opened the debate by urging Sir Anthony to reveal all he could about the circumstances surrounding the death of the frogman, Commander Lionel Crabb.

SHAMEFUL'

He said only that the mission was undertaken without the knowledge of the Government and that disciplinary steps had been taken.

"I have not one word more to say than I announced on Wednesday," said Sir Anthony when he replied to Mr. Gaitskell.

But he had one comment on the second part of last Wednesday's statement, in which he said Commander Crabb went on his mission without the authority of the Government.

"That includes all Her Majesty's Ministers," said Sir Anthony.

This appeared to be a remark made in defence of the First Lord of the Admiralty, Lord Cithern.

Sir Anthony dwelt for several minutes on the reasons why a Prime Minister could not publicly talk about activities of the Secret Services. Mr. Gaitskell had asked specifically what part the Secret Services played in the case.

Sir Anthony said he had announced that the Government had been ignorant of Commander Crabb's mission because if he had not, "doubtless" would inevitably have been thrown on the "secrecy of our position" during the Khrushchev-Bulgarian visit.

He felt he had to announce last week that his Ministers were ignorant of the mission.

ALL I CARE'

"All I care for is that the outcome of our discussions with the Soviet leaders should, in truth, prove to be the beginning of a beginning," he said.

"I intend to safeguard that possibility at all costs."

"I believe that is the policy in the minds of the Soviet leaders."

Mr. Gaitskell said: "I promised no miracle, for recent memories are too cruel. But I bring you reasonable hope and I believe that by the end of the summer, we shall be able to say to our critics that law and order reigns in Algeria."

He said the Algerian problem could not be settled by arms alone.

But he said it was not the moment to engage in hasty negotiations "just at the moment" when the Army, after plunging to the depths of the abyss last February, had regained its profound belief in its mission."

He praised the morale of reservists drafted to Algeria and promised the systematic stamping out of terrorism. —France-Press.

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prisoners were taken and arms seized.

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Four of five French tank-truck drivers who were kidnapped in a rebel ambush in the Oran region this morning were later recovered by a French patrol.

Twenty rebels were killed by security forces which went into action in this area after the attack on the tank-trucks.

French-Press.

Rebel Force Wiped Out Near Algiers

Algiers, May 14. French armoured units and helicopter-borne troops today wiped out a rebel force in a battle only 15 miles south of Algiers.

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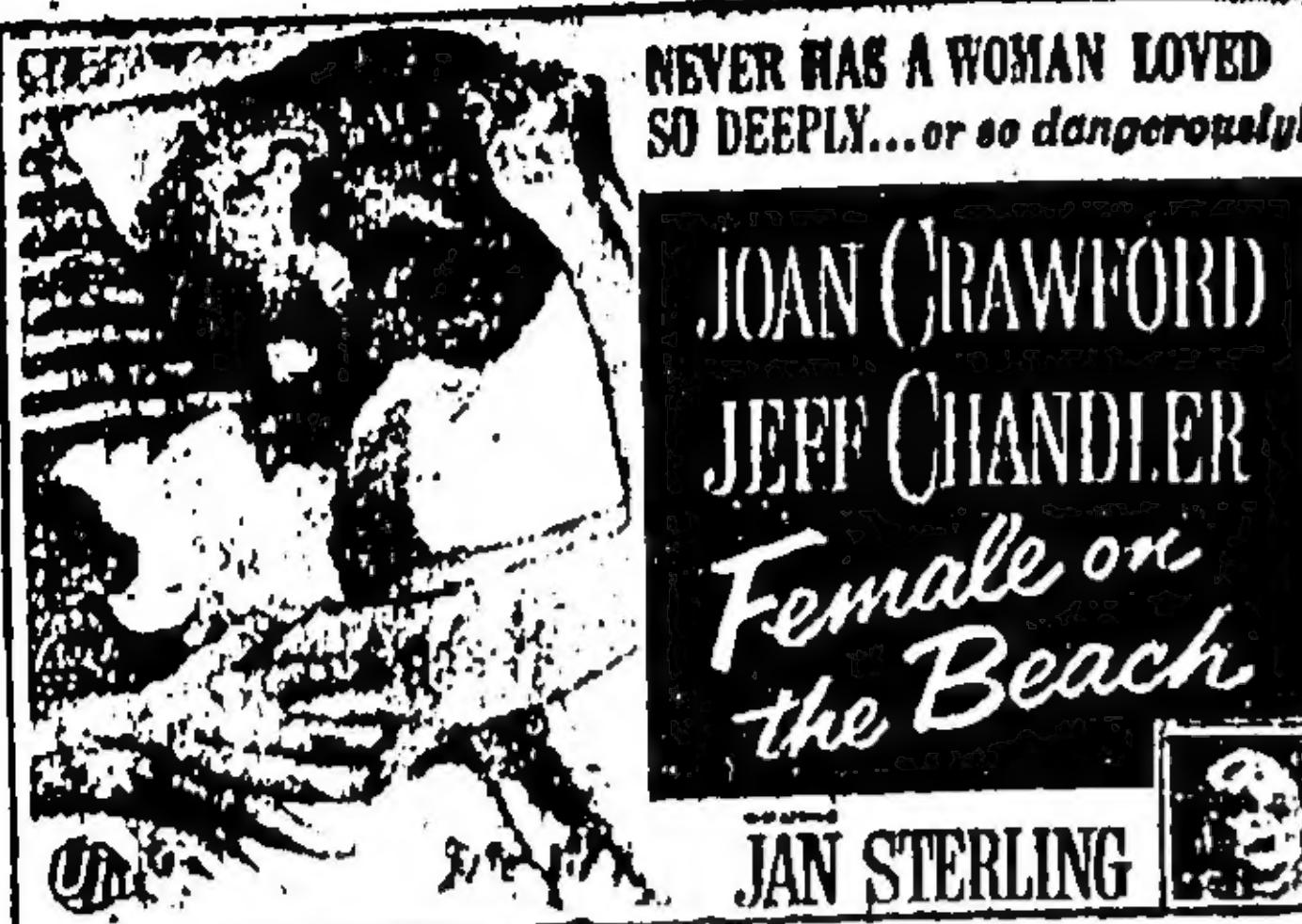
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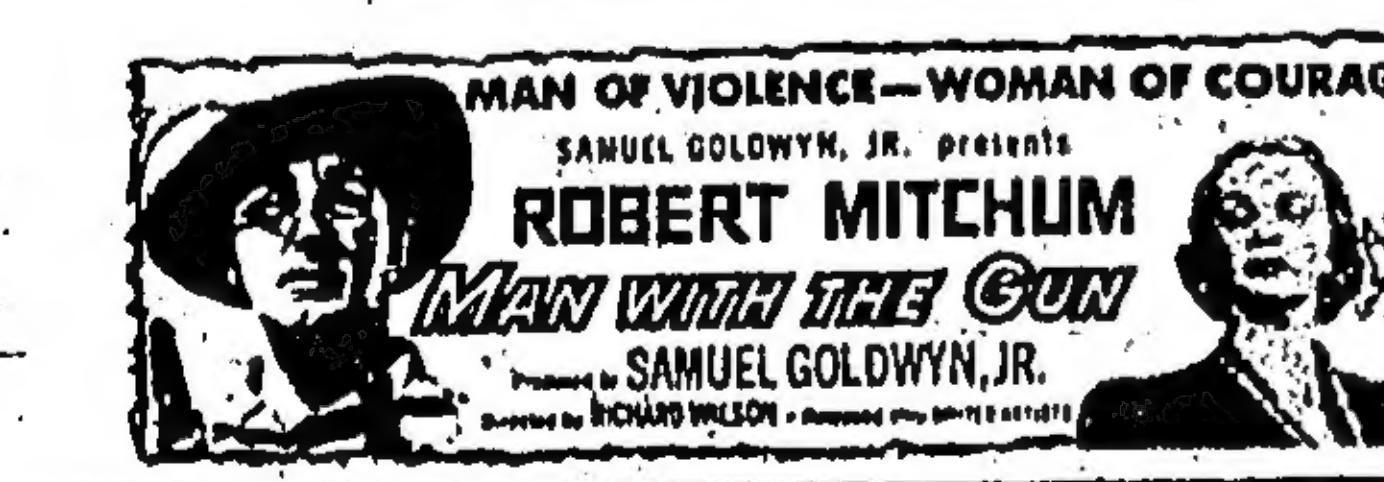
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Fishing Pact Welcomed

BUT RUSSIA MAY
USE IT TO
BARGAIN LATER

By Ralph Harris

Washington, May 14.

The Soviet Union's withdrawal of political conditions from its proposed short-term fishing pact with Japan was regarded here as a big step towards an eventual peace settlement between the two nations.

Japanese sources here said it now looked as though agreement on a peace treaty and an exchange of ambassadors would be reached by next spring at the latest.

The peace negotiations between Moscow and Tokyo are deadlocked over Japan's claim for island possessions occupied by Soviet forces since the end of the Second World War.

—China Mail Special & Reuter. There was mixed reaction in Tokyo to the news. Government officials emphasised that there can be no long term arrangement without a Soviet-Japan peace treaty. Japan so far has had little reason to hope for a peace treaty which will satisfy her terms, particularly her territorial demands.

—China Mail Special & Reuter. The Soviet Union's sudden change in position was as welcome as it was unexpected, according to Japanese opinion here.

Its withdrawal of the demanded overall peace settlement first was described as a substantial victory for Japan, although this jubilant feeling was tempered by the realisation that the short-term fishing agreement probably would place a low ceiling on the salmon catch.

Although the terms of this agreement were not known, it was not expected that the Japanese fishermen would be permitted to catch more than 25,000,000 salmon in the current season.

A catch of this size would be much smaller than previous hauls and would represent a serious blow to the fish and the Japanese people, which relies on fish for most of its protein.

But the agreement was viewed as the best possible arrangement in present circumstances as the Soviet Union was no longer trying to link it with a peace treaty, it was greeted as a good omen for future Soviet-Japanese negotiations.

On the other hand, informed sources said, the fishing dispute which is subtle political overture could again be the obstacle to a peace treaty when the talks were resumed, probably late this summer.

At that time, Japan is expected to press forward with its territorial claims. The Soviet Union then could refuse to raise the ceiling on the salmon catch unless the Japanese withdraw these claims.

This is a possibility taken seriously here, but Japanese officials for the time being are expressing themselves as encouraged by the Soviet's agreement today.

London diplomatic quarters saw the agreement as a success for the tough negotiating of Mr Ichiro Kono.

But full comment was withheld pending publication of the

—Singapore, May 14. Singapore film magnate Runme Shaw today announced that his organisation would produce films in co-operation with French and Italian companies.

Mr Shaw, with Mrs Shaw, returned today after a six-week tour of Britain and Europe.

The first film, based on a novel by George Clemenceau, will be filmed in Singapore and Hongkong towards the end of this year.

European and Oriental cast will star in the film which will be in cinemascope colour. Dialogue will be dubbed in French, Italian and Chinese.

"Singapore will become an important film centre," Mr Shaw predicted. —Reuter.

US 'DUMPING' IN INDONESIA WILL

DISRUPT S.E.A. TRADE PATTERN.

Singapore, May 14.

AMERICAN "dumping" of surplus agricultural produce in Indonesia would disrupt the pattern of trade in this area, the influential Chinese newspaper Nan-yan Shang Pao claimed here today.

Nanyang quoted editorially that a more effective step would be to reduce American consumption of synthetic rubber and buy more natural rubber. This would raise the price a few cents a pound.

"Indonesia would derive several times more from

her annual export of 700,000 tons of natural rubber than she could get from the free supply of United States agricultural surpluses," the paper said.

Supply of 250,000 tons of American rice to Indonesia would reduce Indonesian buying from Thailand and Burma, the paper said, and would mean that Indonesia would stop her small seasonal purchases from Malaya.

This could mean a fall in price for rice-producing countries and bankruptcy for farmers. —Reuter.

American disposal of flour, cigarettes and piece goods would eat deeply into Malaya's smutted trade, the paper said.

The new policy would also encourage Japan, the Netherlands, Britain and West Germany to manufacture piece goods for Indonesia with surplus American cotton and these former regular customers of Malaya would be forced to buy rubber, paper, tea and coffee direct from Indonesia, taking away still more of Malaya's trade.

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WILSON AND RADFORD SUPPORT AID BUDGET

Iron Curtain Introduces Hire Purchase

Major Cuts Would Affect Defence Of United States

Vienna, May 14. At a time when Britain is putting the squeeze on credit schemes such as hire purchase, Poland and Hungary, two of the Soviet satellites in Eastern Europe, are introducing it.

Finding their stock of luxury goods growing, as few Polish or Hungarian citizens have the ready cash to buy radio sets, refrigerators, vacuum cleaners, pianos, and similar luxuries, outright, the two governments have started hire-purchase schemes.

NOT EASY

Robert Wilson declared that after the Polish introduction credit is being a�re generator price of £2,000 above £170 sterling in from six to ten instalments.

The radio did not say if any down payment would be due as the average payment of Polish workers is between 800 and 1,000 zloty a month. Yet the ten instalments would not be easy.

Polish radio, however, did not offer any explanation given for the new scheme was not April 1, but a stock of over 10,000 television sets, refrigerators and pianos, and helped to get rid of them under the instalment plan.

According to reports in the Dommelhuij Napo, a newspaper appearing in Pees, Hungary State stores in Hungary have also been authorized to sell on hire-purchase terms.

Each buyer gets a purchase book in which the monthly payments are recorded. They are allowed to buy until the monthly payments reach 33 percent of the purchase price.—China Mail Special.

GERMANS WELCOMED IN ATHENS

Athens, May 15. Greek ministers are expected to put their views on foreign affairs today to Dr Heinrich von Brentano, West German Foreign Minister, who arrived here yesterday with President Theodor Heuss of West Germany.

Professor Heuss, making his first trip abroad as President, was given a warm welcome as he arrived in Athens at the start of his 10-day state visit.

Police stood by, but Athenians who greeted Hitler's troops with shuttered windows and empty streets years ago, hung out German flags today.

The visit is seen here as the crowning point in the restoration of friendly relations between the two countries.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



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• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

At a conference summoned by Sol Hognasch yesterday, it was suggested that the new musical film "Homer's Odyssey" should be called "Homer's Blad" as an easier word for the public to pronounce.

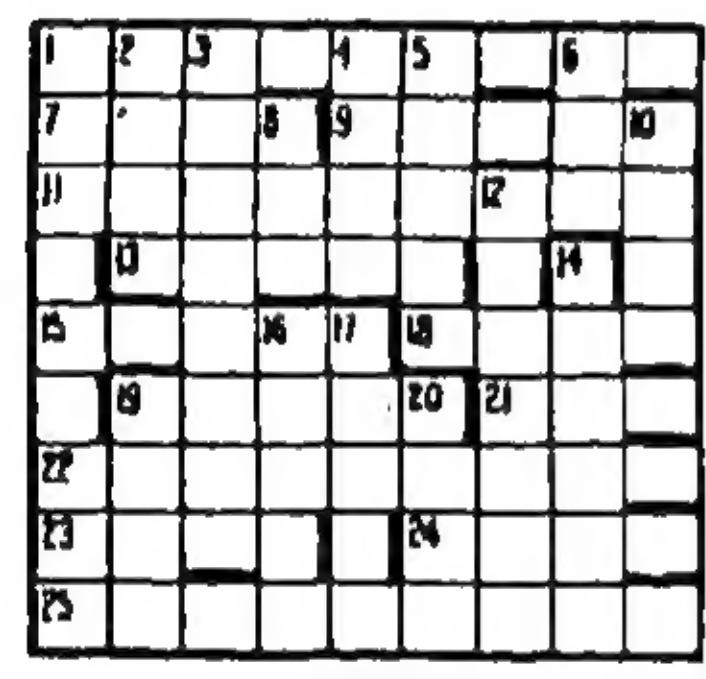
Hognasch said the use of the name "Homer" stamped the film as American, but that was "remiss of something" that was available. Miss Monroe, enigmatically, said that "that" was "homerous." Lookout McGrath suggested that Bedeviled would be suitable as his movie was serious. Buchi was reflected, because according to Hognasch, "He don't sing so easy, and we gotta use his stuff for the Cortes film 'Mexican Nights'."

Fouleneough's dream

of home

In spite of those "purely temporary financial embarrassments" which so often assume the guise of permanence,

CROSSWORD



HORSE RACING

PUNTERS CAN LOOK FORWARD TO ANOTHER OUTSIDER TURNING UP IN EPSOM DERBY

Says CLAUDE RICHARDSON

London, May 15. The first two classic races of the English season were triumphs for England in the duel against France—and for the bookmakers. In this season of topsy-turvy form, perhaps England can look forward, like the layers, to another outsider turning up in the premier race of them all, the Epsom Derby on June 6. "Blue Riband," and seem likely to stay there or thereabouts. But after Gilles de Retz's staggering 50-1 victory in the 2,000 Guineas, and the eclipse of the American-owned "certainty," Victoria Cross, in the 1,000 Guineas filies' mile race, he would be a brave man who would say with any confidence that there is no English colt likely to beat the invaders at Epsom.

Lavandin's failure in the Prix de l'Arc, run over the Derby distance of a mile and a half at Longchamp on May 6, has not disturbed him as Derby favourite.

M. Pierre Wertheimer's colt, left with too much ground to make up in the short straight, ran very well to get into third place behind Floridios and Yellowstone.

Engaged for Lavandin in the Derby classes meeting Australia, Rue Johnson, who has already got the laurels on the Epsom days twice on May 13 (1948) and 1950.

Floridios is another to make great appeal. Unhurt by the going at Newmarket on Guineas

day—he drifted from overnight favourite because of the iron-hard surface—he ran an excellent race from a bad draw to finish fifth. The extra half mile at Epsom should be to his advantage, and he seems a worthy first string in millionaire owner Marcel Boussac's handful of six entries.

Some critics maintain that his high-striding action will beat him on the undulating Epsom course, and others are inclined to see no good in anything which ran in the Guineas. Many Frenchmen disapproved on Derby Day.

CERTAIN RUNNER

Apart from M. Paul Dubosc's Prix de Fontainebleau winner

CAN KEITH MILLER CONTINUE HIS RUN-GETTING FORM?

London, May 15.

Mighty Keith Miller, Australia's vice-captain, has made another glorious start to a tour of England but his undefeated 281 at Leicester has prompted cricket fans here to wonder whether this time Miller will prove history misleading and continue in his run-getting form.

Those with accurate cricket memories, or ready access to Wisden, have noted that mercurial Miller makes a habit of beginning his tour of England in a blaze of beautiful strokes and colossal scores.

Then, his appetite apparently sated, Miller descends from Olympus and goes through the rest of the tour like any other mortal.

In 1948, under Don Bradman, Miller batted too late at Worcester to do more than hit 50 not out, and in the following match at Leicester, he revealed his true power with a score of 202 not out.

Five games later he hit 183 against a strong MCC attack at

Hung Hak-to Retains Colony Foils Title

Hung Hak-to of South China retained his Colony Senior Fencing title yesterday in the foil competition held at the European YMCA.

Runner-up was Pfaff of the Sword Club and Sgt Forbes, his year's runner-up, was third.

Hung won the title convincingly with only four hits scored against him throughout the tournament. The hits scored against him were from Marcel (one), Paul (one) and two from Sgt Forbes.

At the conclusion of the championship Mrs McGurk presented the prizes to the winners.

Results were: 1, Hung Hak-to (South China) 0 wins; 2, Pfaff (Sword Club) 5 wins; 3, Sgt Forbes (Army) 4 wins; 4, J. Marcel (Sword Club) 2 wins; 5, Major McCurk (Army) 2 wins; 6, G. Carvalho (Sword Club) 2 wins; 7, Carter (RAF) 0 win.

CCC-RECREIO BOWLS MATCH TOMORROW

The postponed First Division Lawn Bowls League game between the Craggengowrie Cricket Club and Recreio will be played tomorrow at Happy Valley at 8.15 p.m.

The following players have been selected to represent CCC:

F. Lee, W. C. Ogley, A. E. Costes, B. W. Bradbury (skip); G. Hong, C. L. Choy, P. K. Lau, F. O. Madar, B. Leonard, J. S. Langdon (skip); G. H. Roseman, J. S. Langdon (skip).

CCC players please note the following changes in their league games: 1st Division: K.C.C. v. C.C.C. fixture for May 19—postponed to Sunday, May 20. 2nd Division: K.C.C. v. C.C.C. will be played on Sunday, May 20, the 19th.

3rd Division: C.C.C. v. F.P.R.C. fixture for May 19 will be played on Sunday, May 20, the 19th.

4th Division: C.C.C. v. F.P.R.C. fixture for May 19—postponed to Wednesday, May 21.

Milner saved his next century for the second innings of the Second Test at Lords where he made 109, but he did not really get among the runs again until the tour was virtually over. Then he made 262 not out against the Combined Services in September. Miller's average in the Tests this time sank to 24.77.

A SHOCK BOWLER

In each of these two tours, however, Miller had an equally important role to play. In Australia's test plan as a shock bowler Ian Johnson has stated that on this trip, Miller, the world's greatest all-rounder, will be asked to concentrate on his bowling.

The first ideas about his Derby chances were evidently founded on his breeding, or, to narrow it down further, the attributes of his sire, Royal Charger, who does not hold a reputation for getting stallions.

But Gilles de Retz won at Newmarket in the manner of a colt who might find little trouble in keeping going for half as far again, and there is some stout distance blood on the mare's side of his pedigree.

Last week's meeting at the historic Roodeyde course at Chester, which sometimes gives a pointer to the classics, but indirectly boosted Full Measure's Derby aspirations considerably.

A filly, Fairy Grove, from Captain Boyd-Rochfort's Newmarket stable, won the Cheshire Oaks "by a stretch," and the colt Stephanolis captured the Ormonde stakes. In winning the Wood Dilton stakes over one mile at Newmarket last month, Full Measure beat Fairy Grove by a length, with Stephanolis three lengths further behind third.

Furthermore, the Chester Vase, a race which is regarded as a fairly good test for a classic candidate, was won by Articulate who earlier had been beaten twice by Stephanolis.

The general impression was that the class at Chester this year was not very high, but the collateral form does say something for Full Measure, who is standing down for the first time.

Judging by his last two tours, Miller is due for another big innings.

But what then?—China Mail Special.

SECOND DIVISION

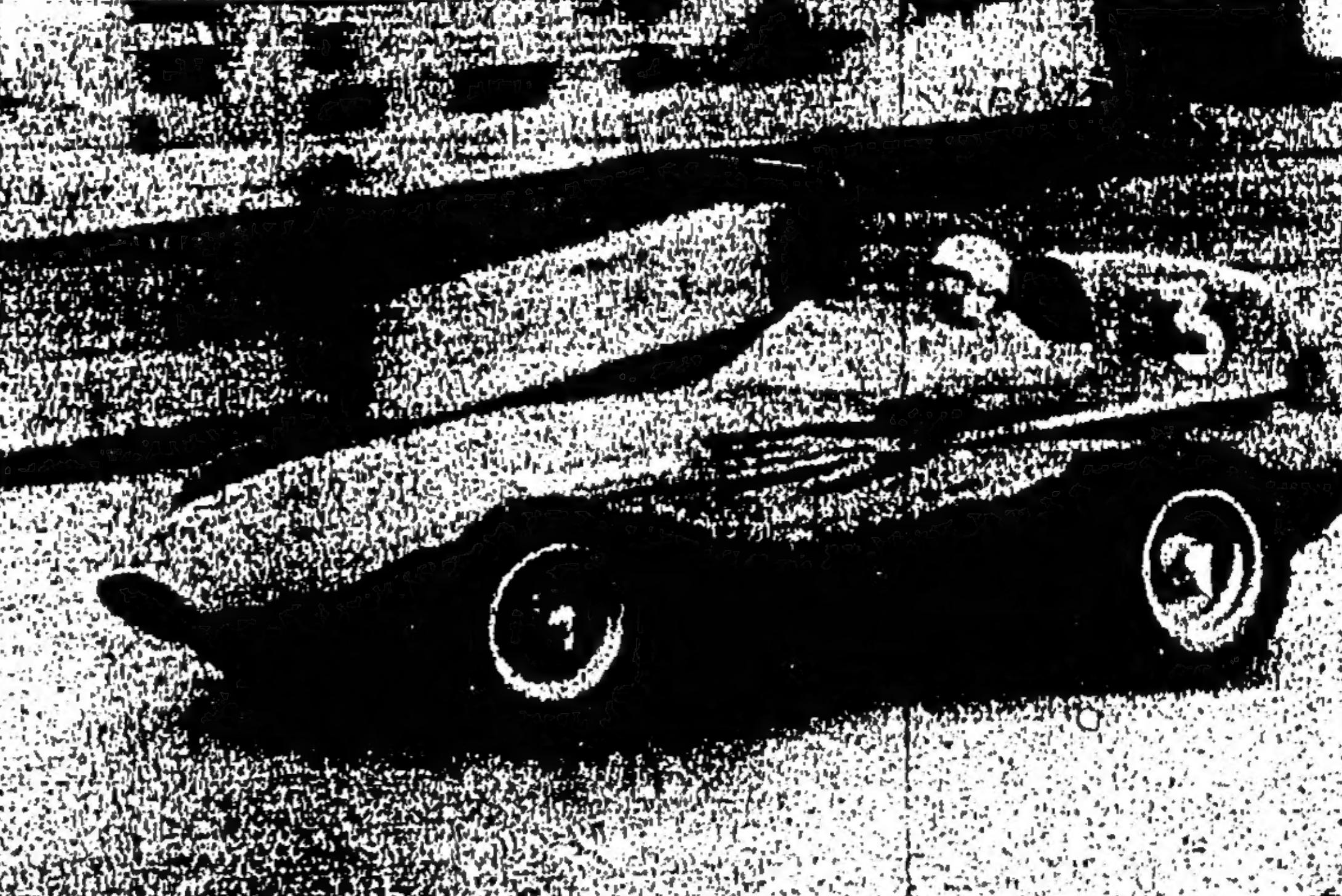
KCC LAWN BOWLS TEAM AGAINST POLICE RC

Kowloon Cricket Club will play the Police Recreation Club in a Second Division lawn bowls match at the KCC tomorrow (Wednesday, May 16) starting at 5.30 p.m., sharp.

The KCC rink will be: W. Baker, A. M. Alves, L. Gomes, J. Jack (skip); D. Donley, L. Borden, S. G. G. G. (skip); D. Thompson (skip); E. T. T. Morgan, G. L. G. H. S. C. (skip).

In recent years, horses who have run prominently in these events have confirmed the train at Kowloon Cricket Club.

MOSS TAKES SILVERSTONE TROPHY



Britain's 27-year-old Stirling Moss flashes past in his Vanwall on May 5 during the 180-mile International Trophy Race, which Moss won at an average speed of 100.47 m.p.h. British cars and drivers took the first four places in the race; unsuccessful competitors included Argentine's Juan Fangio, who was dogged by engine trouble.—Express Photo.

COUNTY CRICKET

Surrey Register Their First Victory Of Season By Beating Glamorgan

London, May 14.

Northamptonshire, who beat Surrey, the Champions, last week, caused another upset today when they snatched first innings points against Yorkshire, who many people think are chief dangers to Surrey keeping the Championship Pennant.

But Yorkshire tasted the fire of Frank Tyson whose five wickets for 60 performance was chiefly responsible for Yorkshire's nine runs deficit. Their pace told again for Fred Trueman put Yorkshire back with a chance when he claimed three of four wickets which Northants lost in their second innings before they could reach a half century.

Surrey, meanwhile, struck the winning road at last—and in their old time mood of "win in two days," claiming the extra half-four tonight they beat Glamorgan to register their first win of the season and it was Alex Bedser who was the executioner-in-chief.

Saturday he had taken the first seven wickets in Glamorgan's first innings. Today he took the first five and had seven in all for only 28 runs to give him the grand match figures of 14 for 69.

BRIGHT BATTING

Bright batting by former West Indies Roy Marshall (84) and Henry Horton (65 not out) did

not save Hampshire who finished 84 behind Sussex on the first five for 56.

At Aigburth: Derbyshire 230 and 230 for six declared (Carl 55, Johnson not out 67).

Royal Air Force 184 and 11 for two.

At Cardiff: Surrey beat Glamorgan by 108 runs. Surrey 200 and 210 (Barrington 59, Shepherd rightarm fast medium seven for 81); Glamorgan 68 and 104 (Alec Bedser rightarm medium fast ten for 28).—Reuter.

GOLF

PLAYER HEADS PGA'S ORDER OF MERIT

Gary Player, the 20-year-old South African Champion, heads the Professional Golfers' Association's order of merit, following his record-breaking win in the Dunlop tournament recently. Player's stroke average is 68.65 for nine rounds.

The next four places are all filled by British Internationals—A. Lees (Sunningdale), 69.68; H. Wickett (Croydon, Hurst), 69.88; H. Bradshaw (Portsmouth), 70.22; and C. O'Connor (Bundoran), 70.60.—London Express Service.

CLOSE OF PLAY SCORES

At Lords: Middlesex 170 and 92 for three, Gloucestershire 304 for nine declared (T. Gravety, 152, Milton 87, Moss rightarm fast medium five for 73).

At Cambridge: Cambridge University 302 for nine declared, Kent 124, Goddesden rightarm leghammer four for 34, and 130 for 2 Cowdry not out 54, Wilson not out 52.

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TENNIS

UNBROKEN 4TH WICKET STAND...

Poole And Stocks Save Nottinghamshire From Heavy Defeat

Nottingham, May 14.

A fighting unbroken fourth wicket stand of 122 between Ken Poole and Fred Stocks saved Nottinghamshire from the prospect of a heavy defeat by the Australian tourists on the second day of the three-day cricket match here today.

The Australians declared at the mammoth total of 547 for eight at lunch and seemed to be heading for their first victory of the tour when they claimed three Nottinghamshire wickets for 55. But Poole and Stocks, both left-handers, retrieved the County position with the first century stand against the tourists.

At the close, Nottinghamshire were 177 for three and needed 221 to avoid the follow on.

The Australians had their attack reduced to three recognised bowlers—Crawford, Archer and Benaud—when Alan Davidson pulled a thigh muscle while batting earlier in the day, and though he fielded later he was unable to bowl.

Following Colin McDonald's 105 on Saturday, the Australian

batting honours today went to the sixth wicket pair of Bunge and Benaud. In an hour they raised their stand from 43 to 124 and altogether the Australians put on 161 in the two hours before lunch.

HIS FIRST CENTURY

Bunge, who is fighting for a Test place, hit his first century of the tour, batting three hours 10 minutes for 131, which included a six and 22 fours.

Benaud hit three mighty sixes and four fours in his 62, made in 105 minutes.

England Test prospect, Reg Simpson, disappointed his home crowd at Trent Bridge, where the First Test takes place, with a laboured 36 runs in a stay of two hours.

He was always in trouble against Benaud, who finally got him lbw.

Archer had Ron Giles and John Clay both caught by wicketkeepers Langley after each had contributed nine.

SCOREBOARD

Australians—1st innings (overnight 395 for five)

C. McDonald, c. Rowe b Stocks 105

J. Rutherford, c. Dooland, b. J. Jeppson 35

K. McKay, b. Dooland 58

I. Craig, c. Rowe b. Walker 58

K. R. Miller run out 10

F. Bunge, c. Martin, b. Dooland 131

R. Benaud, b. Jeppson 62

R. Archer not out 20

A. Davidson, c. Dooland, b. Smale 2

M. Langley not out 18

Extras 11

Total (for 8 wickets declared) 547

Wicketts fall at: 62, 77, 230, 260, 353, 477, 516 and 520.

Bowling

O. M. R. W

Walker 34 3 137 1

J. Jeppson 36 9 119 2

Dooland 40 11 150 2

Smale 34 7 97 1

Stocks 5 0 27 1

Nottinghamshire—1st innings

R. T. Simpson, b. Bunge 36

J. D. Clay, c. Langley, b. Archer 9

C. O'Connor, b. Langley 9

N. Leonard, c. Langley 9

F. Poole, c. Langley 9

H. Wickett, c. Langley 9

H. Bradshaw, c. Langley 9

C. O'Connor, c. Langley 9

Extras 11

Total (for 3 wickets) 177

Wicketts fall at: 30, 63, 55.

Bowling

O. M. R. W

Crawford 16 5 82 0

Archer 23 9 57 1

ARCHIE MOORE IN LONDON

AS WE KEEP ON HEARING ABOUT
ENGLAND'S BATTING PROBLEMSTOM GRAVENEY AND
WILLIE WATSON HAVE
LEAPED INTO FORM

Says DENIS COMPTON

We have been hearing so much about England's batting problems for the Tests this summer that I am particularly pleased at the swift leap into form of two of our more experienced players, Tom Graveney and Willie Watson.

Graveney has taken up where he left off in the recent private tour of the West Indies.

Watson, whom I always thought had the gifts and temperament for the big occasion, scored his century off a strong MCC attack at Lord's when the odds were against him.

Editor of *Cricket*, I consider him the best to open an innings. He does not mind where he stands and Graveney should now be in a position to be number one or number five.

He has a very fine temperament and, personally, I see him as an opener, particularly as his partner is a right-hander.

This applies equally to Peter Richardson and, although I haven't seen anything of him yet, to pass judgment, he must be a good player assessed on his record.

Peter May told me that he was delighted about Richardson's 100 against the Australians at Worcester.

"It may go a long way to make a square leg," he added.

The Australians have got off to their usual good start. Coming directly after captain Ian Johnson's confident predictions, this must serve as a great morale-booster for him and his players.

But does that alone make Australia favourites for the Ashes?

I have played cricket too long to make play hard and fast forecasts at such an early stage in this, or any other tour.

I would remind you that Lancashire's team swept all before them at the beginning of the 1953 tour.

They gained four successive victories by an innings, including successes over Yorkshire and Surrey. Yet England regained the Ashes.

Our batsmen have greater experience of wet conditions and in Lancashire, Appleyard, and Wardle we have four of the finest craftsmen in the world with the ball on a turning wicket.

In any case, England cannot be weak because of the bowlers at our command.

The problem of whom to leave out is just as embarrassing in speed as in spin.

You can have your pick of Tyson—who, from all reports, is in fine form—Statham, Trueman, Lester, and Moss.

And I don't have to remind you that Alec Bedser and Trevor Bailey still know how to "seam" the ball.

PENETRATIVE ABILITY

Indeed, with the obvious penetrative ability of our fast attack, I have a theory that leg spinner Doug Wright could be even more a match-winner for England than when he was a regular member of the Test attack.

Like Bedser, Wright was handicapped through having to bowl with little support.

Now that support is there in abundance, Doug's value would be intensified.

I know that he has been playing for a long time, but I would say he is bowling better than ever.

Last season he had a wonderful run in the modest Kent attack. I saw him batte the Aussies last week at Arundel, and he looked superbly fit.

You can't judge a cricketer by his birth certificate.

My own position? I don't want to make any rash prophecies, but after the second manipulation of my knee I am happier about my cricket future than I have been for several months.

I think I will be more certain of my future in about a fortnight.

In the meantime we can face the summer with optimism and confidence.

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HOCKEY CLUB MEETING

At the annual general meeting of the Hongkong Hockey Club yesterday, the following office-bearers were elected for the coming season:

Captain, T. Chamberlain; Vice-Captain, R. Clark; Hon. Secretary, C. Haye.

Anyone interested in playing for the Club should contact the Secretary, Telephone 37075.

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EVEN WITHOUT STAN MATTHEWS AND REVIE...

England Should Pull Off
A Continental Hat Trick
In Forthcoming Tour

Says VERNON MORGAN

London, May 15.

England, flushed with the success of their comfortable victory over Brazil, left London on their brief Continental tour, confident of beating Sweden, Finland and Germany.

They meet these three opponents on May 16, May 20 and May 26 respectively. Even without the great Stanly Matthews, architect in the English triumph over the Brazilians, who has gone to Kenya to fulfil a coaching engagement; even without Don Revie, the scheming centre-forward who was instrumental in giving Manchester City the coveted Football Association's Cup, the excellent form shown by the Englishmen last week gives every indication that they will pull off a Continental hat trick.

If they fail, their stock will fall once again. The Englishmen take on the Swedes and the Finns at the start of their seven seasons when neither nation has had the opportunity to do so together a well-balanced side, while the German national team has yet to find the form which won them the World Championship so unexpectedly in 1954.

The opposition frankly is weak and the least the Englishmen can do to prove that they are at last beginning to climb up the soccer ladder, is to win all three matches by a handsome margin.

The Continental tour last year when England failed to win any of their matches against France, Spain and Portugal, and the fact they could only be the British Champions this year has caused their reputation to slump. They are out to rehabilitate themselves and try and produce a side that will worthily represent England in the World Championships in Sweden in 1958.

NO CERTAINTY

They have first got to qualify. This is no certainty unless they improve, for in their qualifying group is Eric, who this week played splendidly to defeat Holland, a team which only recently beat Germany.

The brilliant patches of form shown by many of England's players against Brazil delighted those many fans who have been waiting more than six long years for a revival.

England were not all that good. Too much could be written to the match which England deserved to win by a margin of at least four goals, but at least there were glimmers of really first class play both in attack and defence.

Champions Versus
Rest Teams

The following players have been selected for the Champion versus the Rest match on Saturday, May 19 at Caroline Hill at 8.30 p.m.

Reserves: Lau Kin-chung (South China), Lau Ching-ling (South China), Lau Lai-ting (South China), Lau Chi-kong (South China), Chu Wing-wan (South China), Ho Cheung-yat (South China), E. R. Morris (Police), Yiu Cheuk-yeung (South China), Nok Chuen-wah (South China).

Team Manager: Mr. A. Mullen, Coach: Tom Suddon.

The following players have been selected to represent the Combined Services in the Victoria Shield match against RAF on Wednesday at 8.30 p.m. at Deep Water Bay.

HANDICAP REVIEWS. The following handicap reviews have recently been released: H. M. Adam 14, H. J. S. Muriel 16, G. C. Cho 16, William Woo 16, S. Y. Lam 24.



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Monrovia, Liberia, May 14.

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Scot are searching in one of the world's
thickest jungle areas in the heart of this
republic for what is believed to be a
gigantic deposit of pure iron ore—several
hundred million tons of it.More than 170 miles east of
here and 70 miles inland from
the Atlantic coast these geolo-
gists and engineers are hoping
to extract from a range of hills
what is reputed to be one of
the most and most extensive de-
posits of pure iron ore in the world.The range of hills known as
Putu covering 70 square miles,
whose forest-clad peaks jut up
between 2,000 and 3,000 feet
above sea level, is now the
centre of one of the most de-
termined and exhaustive ex-
plorations the country has yetGod Mission had persuaded local
tribesmen to hack a 1,400-foot
stairway out of dense bush to
enable their light mission aero-
plane to land with supplies.

First Drilling

With fellow geologists and
engineers, Mr. Clark worked
through the thick forest where
trees grew to 150 feet high and
where the sun never penetrated,
taking samples of rock
formation and constructing a
paved road.In three months, with the aid
of local labour a road was built
to the crest of 3,000-foot Mount
Putu where the first drilling
began.Today, in the Putu jungle
five separate camps have been
built for mining and civil
engineers, geologists and drilling
crews, a two-way radio linking
with Monrovia, Stockholm and
New York has been set up, and
a force of local labourers is
now working on a 70-mile trail
between the coast and the Putu
range in an attempt to open up
a way for vehicles.

Further Exploration

All this effort so far has not
produced any definite strike of
ore in large enough quantities
but it is too early to say whether
we shall be successful but we
believe we will be in the end."

"And Mr. Borgesjö said:

"Drilling has been going on
since last August, down to 2,000
feet. Several thousand feet
more will be explored in the
next few months."Every piece of equipment,
every tin of food, vehicles, tools
and other supplies have had to
be flown in to the base camp
at the foot of the mountain
range where an 8,000-foot long
strip has been laid down in
the midst of the jungle.In a dilapidated wooden-
frame house, converted into an
office building, overlooking the
jungle here two of the men who
had convinced that the Putu
Hills and the surrounding area
held tons of millions of dollars
worth of valuable and work-
able mineral ore told the story
of their search.

High-Grade Oro

Borgesjö, 37-year-old
mechanical engineer from
Stockholm, is a tall, quiet
man, a mining expert who has
helped build water power
stations in Brazil and a chemical
factory in the Argentine.A. W. "Sandy" Clark, chief
geologist on the Putu Hills proj-
ect, has spent half his 60 years
in Africa.They said that the existence
of high-grade ore in the Putu
Hills had been rumoured for
many years, but it was not
until after the war that geolo-
gists were able to penetrate the
district and discovered to their
astonishment that local tribes-
men had smelted their own iron
for centuries.The process used by the
tribesmen was staggeringly
simple and suggested the
existence of plentiful and rich
deposits. The tribesmen merely
tossed a few chunks of rock
into a hole they had dug in the
ground, added animal bones for
lime, lit a fire—and there was
iron!Negotiations began between
the Liberian Government and
Mr. Johnston Avery, former
deputy director of the United
States Technical Assistance
Programme and now President
of the Liberian American
Minerals Company which is
now carrying out exploration
and surveys of the area.

70-Year Concession

The Liberian Government has
granted the company jointly
owned by American and
Swedish interests a 70-year
concession covering an area of
600 square miles, giving it the
right to "explore, develop and
mine iron ore, manganese,
bauxite, columbite, mica, oil and
natural gas."Mr. Clark, who spent a whole
year at Putu when his only com-
munication with the outside
world was by a light aeroplane
every two weeks carrying mail
and supplies, said that he had
been astonished to discover
that two Canadian women
missionaries had themselves
constructed an airstrip at the
foot of one of the highest peaks
in the district.The two women, Miss Sophie
Nygaard and Miss Margaret
Wadge, of the Assemblies ofPremier And
ChancellorDenmark Honours
Plane Pioneer

Copenhagen, May 14.

Denmark is this year paying tribute to a
mechanical genius whose boyhood love of kites led
him to become one of the world's pioneers of
flying.He is Jacob Christian Ellehammer, who, 50
years ago, on September 12, 1906, succeeded in
flying an aircraft of his own construction five
weeks before the Brazilian, Santos Dumont,
achieved his first flight of 200 feet with a power-
driven machine, near Paris, on October 23, 1906.The condition for winning
the first prize of 5,000 Reich
Marks was that the machine
should stay in the air for one
minute. Ellehammer managed to
stay up only for eleven seconds,
but he won the prize all the
same. All the other entrants
failed to get their machines off
the ground.

Thought Crazy



Liquid Asset

Wellington, May 14.

When the borough of Blen-
heim launched a loan of £25,000
for a swimming pool it was
oversubscribed in two and a
half days—a surprising result in
a period when local authorities
throughout the country are
starving for loan moneys.The loan was the first of the
kind subject to a government
condition that the whole of a
loan be raised within the area
of the local authority.—China
Mail Special.Sydney, May 14.
Sydney University hopes to
have the first Chair of Aus-
tralian Literature.A committee plans to raise
£80,000 as an endowment.University authorities have
declared that Australian litera-
ture is vigorous and mature
enough to warrant full
academic study.—China Mail
Special.Paris, May 14.
Radio Peking reported today
that the surveying had begun
for a big multi-purpose hydro-
power project to be built on the
Yangtze River's biggest tribu-
tary—the Han River.The project, added the radio,
is intended to serve the pur-
poses of flood prevention,
irrigation, navigation and power
generation.It will also serve as the
starting point of a future canal
to link China's two biggest
waterways—the Yangtze and
Yellow Rivers.—France-Press.£300 FOUND
IN RIVER

Brisbane, May 14.

A leather bag containing
£300 in cash was found in the
Don River near Woytan, 54 miles
southwest of Rockhampton, in
northern Queensland, six weeks
after it was lost.The flight itself took place in
great secrecy because people
then thought Ellehammer crazy
to attempt to fly in a "heavier
than air machine."It was as the son of a drainage
engineer who earned his living
by draining marshy land with the
aid of wind-driven pumps that
Ellehammer gained his in-
terest in aviation. He first
realised that a "heavier than
air machine was possible" when,
as a boy, he succeeded in
getting the kite he used to
make out of old wind sails to fly
with heavy loads.After his success with a
biplane in 1906, Ellehammer
persevered with a monoplane
equipped with another of his
engines, this time developing 30
horsepower. In 1908, he suc-
cessfully flew his car.Both Israelis were injured,
the spokesman added.—France-
Presse.

ISRAELIS SHOT

Tol-Aviv, May 14.
A Syrian post fired on two
Jewish workers in the Kibbutz
Gonen area, an Israeli spokes-
man said here tonight.

Both Israelis were injured,

the spokesman added.—France-
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**JOHN CLARKE'S
CASEBOOK**

**It Was A Fine
Romance**

LOVE, that the poets call tender, is a hardy plant in reality, and most romances stand up remarkably well, alike to the searing, scorching summer of their early days, and to the long winter of the world's indifference.

Were love less hardy, there might not be much hope for Molly and her man.

They met in London where they both worked, and about all they had in common was the fact that they had few friends and had known loneliness were far from their homes, and poor.

LOVERS' MEETING

MOLLY came to London from Ireland, against her parents' wishes, for they did not think her strong enough to strike out on her own. Tom, her man, came from Yorkshire.

Molly, a neat-pretty, compact, neat girl, got work as a domestic servant in a public-house. There she stole some oddments of clothing from the landlord's wife, her employer, lost the job, was brought to court and put on probation. She soon found another job of much the same kind.

Her life was not exciting, but the drudgery was lightened by her meeting with Tom, by his devotion to her, and hers to him.

THE MESSAGE

THEY had very little money, and could not afford the kind of events that draw attention upon most romances. But they could talk, and they did endlessly, about the future, the marriage they planned, the home that in some distant future they would share.

Then one day Tom got a message from Yorkshire. His mother was ill, he was wanted up there, to be near her. He broke the news to Molly. They could not bear the thought of being parted.

"I'll come with you, Tom. I'll come with you anywhere," Molly said, and he greatly relieved accepted her offer eagerly.

In Yorkshire Molly found work in the city where Tom's home was. The romance flourished.

WRITE FOR ME, PLEASE

MOLLY had been in the north some weeks when she suddenly remembered something. "Oh Tom," she cried, "that probation lady in London, I'm supposed to tell her whenever I change my address, or my job, and I never... Would you write for me, Tom, write the lady." Molly could not write, or read.

Tom wrote, but by that time, the sum was on for Molly. Within hours of her address in the north reaching London, a policeman was on his way to bring her back. Tom followed close on her heels, to stand by her whenever trouble lay ahead.

At Clerkenwell court, Molly pleaded guilty to a breach of her probation order and her story was told to Mr Frank Powell, the magistrate, by a woman probation officer.

MY FAULT

"HER young man is here," the probation officer said. "It's my fault she went to Yorkshire," the young man said, apologetically.

"When do you hope to marry?" the magistrate asked Tom.

"In a couple of months," Tom answered.

"If I allow her to go back to Yorkshire, will you promise to encourage her to keep the terms of her probation?"

"Oh, I promise she'll not come before our judge," Tom said, with a wistful smile at Molly.

"I shall dismiss this charge of breach of probation," the magistrate said to Molly, "and I hope that your marriage will mean that you'll make a fresh start in life. The probation order will continue, of course."

"Oh, thank you, sir," Molly said, and she left the dock and presently went into the court, hand-in-hand with Tom. They envied no one in the world, at that moment, I fancy, Molly and Tom.

Carrier In Port

The 30,000-ton American aircraft carrier *Oriskany*, wearing the flag of Rear-Admiral R.E. Hobbs, Commander of Carrier Division 3, entered port this morning on a recreational visit.

The carrier has an overall length of 888 feet, a beam of 120 feet, a maximum draught of 30½ feet and a speed of 33 knots.

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OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

**More Drunkenness
Since 10 p.m.
Closing**

FROM H. KING WOOD

Sydney, May 7.

It came as a shock to most people this week to learn that since 10 p.m. hotel closing was introduced there had been 8,600 more cases of drunkenness.

General belief has been that there has been less drunkenness since the "six o'clock swill" ended, but the annual report of the Police Commissioner, Mr Delaney, knocks this out.

He also reports that there were 242 more cases of driving under the influence.

Mr Delaney does not specifically blame later hotel closing for the increases, but points out that they have happened since the closing hours were altered in February, 1955.

And the number of drunks and driving cases must have kept the police pretty busy—81,189 cases of drunkenness and 4,977 driving under the influence charges.

While none of this is good publicity for 10 p.m. closing, it can be taken for granted that no action will follow the police report. Late closing of hotels is now generally accepted and it is here to stay—for the time, anyway.

Actually, many publicans would do a dance of joy to see it disappear. Many of them point out that, now that the novelty has worn off, they are hardly taking enough to pay the rent.

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Plaintiff's witness said that the Federal Treasurer, Sir Arthur Fadden, lost no time in the defence of General Motors-Holdens and its £8.2 million profit when asked a question in Parliament last week.

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